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## **MUSEUM DIRECTOR'S NOTES**

### **BY JERRY ROUILLARD**

#### Doris Parker Honored

The good news for July has been the Chairman of the Placer County Board of Supervisors recognizing our long-time Administrative Curator for providing exemplary service to the public. The Board Chair Harriet White recently issued a commendation to Doris for outstanding performance on behalf of Placer County.

Of course, Doris has been providing outstanding service to Placer County citizens for a long time, but a recent occurrence really got the attention of the Board. A local walking group, the Placer Pacers, was doing walking tours in Auburn on a Saturday and Sunday in mid April, and Doris offered to provide both tours on her own time. The Pacers were so delighted by her knowledge and enthusiasm that they followed up with a letter commending her for coming in on a weekend to accommodate them and for "a job well done."

As someone who has often marveled at her willingness to go out of her way to put in an extra measure of effort, and for someone that depends on Doris' knowledge and experience every day, it's really a pleasure to see her gain official recognition as well; good going, Doris.

#### Cultural and Historic Preservation Ordinance Passed

After more than ten years of effort, Placer County finally has an ordinance that addresses historic preservation in the unincorporated sections of the County. The *Placer County Cultural and Historic Resources Ordinance* won unanimous approval from the Board of Supervisors during their regular meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup>. The *Ordinance* will officially take effect on July 20<sup>th</sup> with the responsibility for administering it divided between the Planning and Museums Departments.

The key element of the new Ordinance is the establishment of the *Placer County Official Register of Cultural and Historic Resources*. The *Official Register* will afford some protection and some benefits to interested property owners who have property that meets the *Register's* requirements as spelled out in the Ordinance. The protections and the process for registering these properties are not as wide ranging nor enforceable as many of us had hoped they would be, but the Ordinance does represent the best historic preservation mechanism possible in the current political climate of this County. Even with the compromises that it reflects, the Ordinance provides us a tool for recognizing and preserving some of the region's historic properties.

Anyone interested in getting a copy of this new ordinance can find one at the Museums office in the historic courthouse, or at either the County Planning or Clerk-Recorder's offices at the DeWitt Government Center in Auburn. There is also a current version on our Department's web site at <http://www.placer.ca.gov/museum/cul-resource-ord.htm>.

It is also worth mentioning that this Ordinance never would have reached the Board of Supervisors if it had not been for the hard work and persistence of our staff and the Placer County Historical Advisory Board; particularly the efforts of Cultural Resources Committee members Sandy Elder and Gayle Russell.

#### Thanks to Docent Guild

For the second year in a row, the Placer County Museum Docent Guild has generously responded to our Department's request for help in funding projects for which we did not have adequate funding in our operating budget. Last year, the items they provided funds for included a new Christmas tree and curtains for the Bernhard Museum, the electrical costs for installing the State Fair exhibit module at the Gold Country Museum,

repair and restoration of our Shirley Temple doll collection, temperature reducing modifications of our Pate Collection exhibit cases, and the purchase of CDs and songbooks for our grade school outreach boxes. This year's approved funding will cover materials for the new women's jail cell exhibit, development costs for a virtual museum tour, "hands-on" materials for a Native American exhibit, a new reproduction of the 1887 map in the Gold Country Museum, more curtains for the Bernhard Museum, and a new sign for the Gold Country Museum.

The generosity of the Docent Guild improves the quality of our exhibits and contributes to the value of our educational programs. And, all of this is in addition to their members providing visitor services at our three Auburn museums. Thanks, Docent Guild, our Department and the citizens of Placer County are indebted to you.

#### Gertrude Paul Honored

At their recent meeting in Sacramento, the Conference of California Historical Societies recognized Colfax Area Historical Society founder, Gertrude Paul, with its distinguished Individual Award of Merit. As one of Placer County's most effective advocates for history, Gertrude has to be one of the best choices the Conference could have found for this award. She truly deserves it, and the Colfax area can be very proud of her for earning this recognition.

#### Interesting Web Sites

As more and more historical information is finding its way onto the World Wide Web, it is increasingly useful to jump onto the Internet for research and information about our local organizations. The following are just a few sites we have reviewed in recent weeks:

[www.foothill.net/colfax/history/index.html](http://www.foothill.net/colfax/history/index.html) This is the Colfax Area Historical Society site. It has a list of recent and coming events, a directory of its Directors addresses and telephone numbers, some interesting photos, interesting links to an intriguing variety of other web sites and information about their archival holdings.

[www.auburnjournal.com](http://www.auburnjournal.com) Not as complete as the Sacramento Bee site, ([www.sacbee.com](http://www.sacbee.com)) but this Auburn news site does provide local stories that you can download and save rather than clipping them out of the newspaper.

[www.mmoffet.newworld.net](http://www.mmoffet.newworld.net) Mike Moffet maintains a site for the Foresthill Divide Historical Society. In addition to a useful map of gold camps of the Divide, Mike has some interesting mining photos from this area. The site also includes a nice layout on the Foresthill Museum.

[www.mtsu.edu/~then/](http://www.mtsu.edu/~then/) The American Association for State and Local History describes this resource as "a web site for ideas, lesson plans, activities, sources of

information and links for heritage education." It is clearly designed for K-12 teachers and volunteers looking for help in teaching local history, and it has some well-organized teaching resources.

[www.rosevillehistorical.org](http://www.rosevillehistorical.org) This is a brand new site that is still under construction. So far, it has a good layout, some nice historical black and white photos and a brief overview of Roseville history. This will be a good site to keep an eye on, especially if they start listing the schedule for their vintage film series.

If you come across any other interesting sites for local historians, let us know about them. We will be happy to share them with the rest of our *The Placer* readers.



Sandra Chappelle, Curator of Education, greets some of the approximately 400 students that participated in the Placer County Government Week event at DeWitt Center. A similar event held at the Eureka School in Granite Bay drew close to 700 children.

### **MUSEUM DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION 2000 BY DORIS PARKER**

All currently active Placer County Department of Museums Volunteers are invited to join us for the Volunteer Appreciation 2000 event to be held on Monday, August 28, 2000.

For this year's event, the department is sponsoring a daylong trip to historic Sonoma, California. Our volunteers will have the opportunity to tour Sonoma State Historic Park, have lunch at the historic Depot Restaurant, and browse Sonoma's main square.

The 49-acre Sonoma State Historic Park depicts the last years of Mexican rule in California. Some elements of the park include the Sonoma Mission, the Sonoma Barracks, the Toscano Hotel, and the site of General Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo's first residence, La Casa Grande.

The Cherokee tour buses will arrive in the Auburn-Folsom (Jury) parking lot in Auburn at 8:45 AM. All volunteers must be on the buses by the departure time of 9:00 AM.

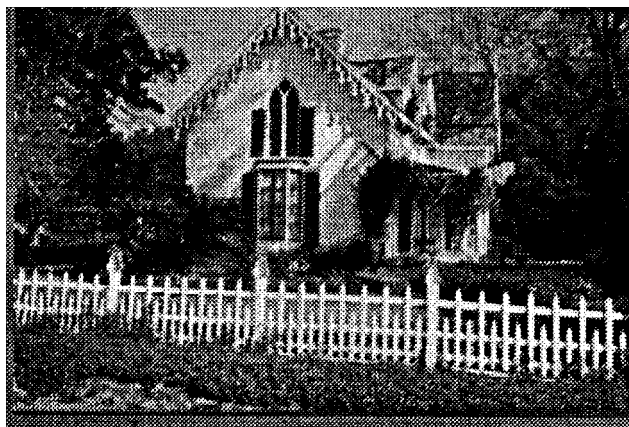
We will arrive in Sonoma shortly before 11:00 AM, where the Sonoma State Historic Park Docents will greet us. From 11:00 AM to 12:15 PM, the group will tour the Sonoma Mission and the Sonoma Barracks.

The Sonoma Mission, built in 1823, was the last of the twenty-one missions established in California. After the Mexican Revolution against Spanish rule in the 1830's, all of the mission properties were secularized. The mission features the Jorgensen Collection of mission paintings.

The Mexican government sent General Vallejo and his troops to commandeer the Sonoma Mission properties. The Sonoma Barracks, facing Sonoma's central plaza, was built to house the troops. From 1834 to 1846 this was Vallejo's base of operations. During that time, the troops conducted more than 100 operations attempting to subdue the Wappo, Cainamero, and Satsiyomi Indians.

After the Bear Flag Revolt On June 14, 1846, the barracks housed United States troops, including the Company C of Colonel Stevenson's New York Volunteer Regiment. After the Mexican-American War, members of this company were among the early gold seekers in Placer County.

The annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon will be held at the historic Depot Hotel. The facility was built in 1873 with stone from General Vallejo's quarries. It has served as a private home, a saloon, a restaurant, and a hotel. Chef Michael Ghilarducci, the 1989 recipient of the "Master Chef of America" national award, and his staff will serve a three course lunch. The menu will include Baby Greens Salad with Tomato and Fresh Herb Vinaigrette, Lasagna Bianca, and dessert. The volunteer awards ceremony will take place at the end of the luncheon.



General Vallejo's home, Lachryma Montis

After lunch, the group will have the choice of either touring General Vallejo's second home, Lachryma Montis, or browsing the central plaza.

Vallejo built Lachryma Montis in 1851-52 and lived on this property until his death in 1890. The lovely carpenter's gothic style house is furnished in Victorian elegance. This tour is an opportunity to learn more about this truly versatile California pioneer.

Sonoma's central plaza is steeped with history. The Bear Flag Revolt took place there and is commemorated with a statue in the park. Over a dozen of the buildings surrounding the square were constructed between 1823 and 1825. Today the square houses fine restaurants and unique shops of every imaginable kind. Wine tasting is offered at several spots along the square. The well maintained park in the center of the plaza provides a place to rest.

The tour buses will leave Sonoma at 4:00 PM and return to Auburn by 5:30 or 6:00 PM.

This event is open to all Department of Museums volunteers who been active during the last 12 months. Each volunteer is entitled to bring one guest on the trip. Reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis. To make your reservation, please call Mary-Jane at 530-889-6500. The last day to make reservations for this event is Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS!**

The Department of Museums is happy to welcome the following new volunteers: Doug Ferrier, Archives; Chris Francee, Docent; Helen Learn, Docent and Research Assistant; Kathryn Kenyon, Volunteer Coordinator, April McDonald, Archives, Joan Weed, Docent and Administrative Assistant, Warren Weed, Docent, and Myrna Yurfest, Docent and Living History.

The Department of Museums has a variety of volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in learning more about our volunteer programs, please call the administrative office at 530-889-6500.

## **PLACER COUNTY MUSEUMS UPCOMING EXHIBITS & EVENTS BY DORIS PARKER**

### Auburn Family Night Out

Auburn Family Night Out, sponsored by the Historic Auburn Business Association, seemed to be a great success. The visitor count at the Placer County Museum was over 400 people and more people than that participated in the outdoor activities.

Our thanks to HABA for inviting us to participate; to the members of the Sacramento Spinners and Weavers Guild and the Docent Guild for demonstrating traditional

crafts and staffing the museum; to the Boys and Girls Club leaders for supervising the children's games; to Mike Nevous for bringing and operating his miniaturized mining equipment display; and to Kathryn Costigan for her splendid music.

#### Communications Exhibit to Open in September

The opening reception for the Placer County Museum's new exhibit featuring the history of communication in Placer County will be held on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 9:00 PM in conjunction with the Arts Council of Placer County's September Art Walk.

Placer County has been not only a gateway for transportation in and out of California, but also a gateway for communication. The new exhibit will provide an overview of how Placer County contributed to the growth of new communications methods and how these new communication systems affected the citizens of the county.

A featured artifact for the new exhibit is the original *Placer Herald* press, which has been loaned to the department by the Axtell Family.

All of our readers and the public are invited to join us on September 14<sup>th</sup> to view this new exhibit.

#### **FROM OUR VISITOR FILE BY CHRIS HUGHES**

*Editor's Note: When Chris Hughes told us about these visitors we found the story so interesting that we wanted to share it with our readers. We encourage our volunteers to send us other stories about unique visitors.*

On Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, the Placer County Museum in the Courthouse was visited by a family from France. I was working in the Administrative office when a woman, speaking English with a French accent, came in to ask that I follow her to our re-created Sheriff's office. She was very excited, and as we entered the Sheriff's office the members of her family joined us.

She pointed to a Commonwealth of Massachusetts 1901 Wanted for Murder poster of Joseph Wilfrid Blondin. The poster was hanging on the wall along with other randomly selected posters from our past Sheriff's collection of old posters that had been received from other states. She stated that man in this poster is husband's grandfather.

Just then, her husband walked in, and he pulled out his wallet to show me his identification. Needless to say, I did not need his identification, as he looked exactly like the man in the poster.

The family found this "find" very amusing and asked if I could make a copy of the poster for them. They were very pleased as they left the museum with the information

relating to their relative, even though the relative had been wanted for murder!

#### **JOSS HOUSE SPEAKER'S NIGHT AND DINNER BY KATHRYN KRATZER-YUE**

On Thursday, July 20th, author Lani Ah Tye Farkas will speak to Joss House members and friends about her book *Bury My Bones in America*. The unique book is a history of three generations of Lani's family, starting with her great grandfather, Yee Ah Tye, who came to California from Canton in 1852. In many ways, Lani's family history relates to the history of many Placer County pioneer Chinese families who came to California not only for the gold rush, but who came to stay and find a new way of life.

Dinner is \$10 per person and will be a variety of appetizers, Chinese Chicken Salad, and Strawberry Shortcake for dessert. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM and the speaker will start her presentation at 7:30 PM.

This event will be held in the Rose Room, Auburn Civic Center, 1225 Lincoln Way in Auburn. Reservations must be made, as seating is limited at the Rose Room. Everyone is welcome. For information or reservations please call Kathryn Kratzer-Yue at 530-888-6483.

#### **AUTHOR, DAVID BAIN, TO SPEAK**

If you enjoy HISTORY and a good speaker, you'll want to hear David Bain speak at the Native Sons of the Golden West, Auburn Parlor No. 59 hall on Tuesday night, July 25th, 2000.

David H. Bain is the author of four non-fiction books, including *Sitting in Darkness*, which received a Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Book Award. His articles and essays have been published in *Smithsonian*, *American Heritage*, *Kenyon Review*, and *Prairie Schooner*.

He has reviewed books for the *Los Angeles Times*, *Newsday*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, and regularly for the *New York Times Book Review*. Bain teaches at Middlebury College at Middlebury, Vermont. He also works with the Bread Loaf Writer's Conference.

His latest book, *Empire Express: The Building of the Transcontinental Railroad* has sold over 44,000 copies. *Empire Express* tells the true history of the dawn of the Gilded Age when the Central Pacific Railroad and the Union Pacific Railroad welded the new western United States to the East with two bands of iron. These railroads opened a path for settlement and exploitation, utterly changing the West as it doomed Plains Indians culture.

After the Civil War, building the railroad was the century's most transformative chain of events. *Empire Express* captures three dramatic decades in which the United States effectively doubled in size, fought three

wars, and began to discover a new national identity. The narrative ends in 1873, in Washington under the Capitol rotunda, with the crushing fall of a popular politician and the exposure of a powerful, hidden railroad lobby and a scandal, which, for a half a year, dominated the press and the country's imagination.

Mr. Bain, who is traveling by auto to Auburn, California, for research of yet another book, *The Old Iron Road*, will speak to those interested in our history on July 25, 2000 at the Native Sons of the Golden West, Auburn Parlor No. 59 hall at 301 Commercial Street, Auburn, California at 7:30P.M.

This event is free to attend; should you wish to join us for dinner, the meal cost is \$3.00 for grilled hamburgers. For reservation, both for dinner or the speech alone, please call member and dinner guest list coordinator Chris Graves at 916-663-3742. Seating is limited so please make a reservation. Standing room may be available to those without a reservation.

Mr. Bain will be pleased to sign his current book, *Empire Express* before and following his address. Books will be available for purchase before and after his speech. This will be Mr. Bain's only speaking engagement on his tour out West!

## CALENDAR OF NSGW SPEAKERS

The Native Sons of the Golden West, Auburn Parlor 59 have booked the following speakers. The speaking engagements take place at the NSGW hall, located at 301 Commercial Street in Auburn. The social hour begins at 6:30 PM and dinner is at 7:30 PM. There is limited seating and reservations are required for non-members. Call Chris Graves at 916-663-3742 to make reservations.

On Tuesday night, August 22, 2000, former Placer County Sheriff and Auburn Parlor member Bill Scott will speak on "*the Daring adventures of being a Placer County Sheriff and thirty years of near death experiences with P.C.S.D.*"

On September 26, 2000, author Will Bagley, from Great Salt Lake City, will speak on the Mountain Meadows massacre. Bagley is a renowned author and past editor of the Oregon-California Trails Association newsletter, *News from the Plains*.

Author David Bigler will speak on Tuesday night, October 24, 2000 on The Mormon Battalion and the Occupation of California. Bigler is a retired steel industry executive and a past president of the Oregon-California Trails Association. His books include *The Gold Discovery Journal of Azariah Smith*, *Forgotten Kingdom: The Mormon Theocracy in the American West, 1847-1896*, and *Army of Israel: Mormon Battalion Narratives*.

On Tuesday night, January 23, 2001, author JoAnn Levy will share stories of women's experiences in the gold rush. Levi's books include *They Saw the Elephant: Women in the California Gold Rush*, *Daughter of Joy*, and *For California's Gold*.

Naida West, author of *River of Red Gold* will speak on Tuesday night February 20, 2001 on discovering history in your own backyard.

For further information or to make reservations call Chris Graves at 916-663-3742.

## AUBURN SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Auburn Centennial Park will be the site of the Auburn Sesquicentennial Celebration on Sunday, August 20, 2000 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. The event will feature a goldminers' tent city, historic displays, horse drawn vehicles and the dedication of the reconstructed Gold Bug Mine stamp mill.

## COLFAX SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENTS

The community of Colfax plans to celebrate the sesquicentennial of California statehood with a three-day event on September 8 – 10, 2000.

On Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, programs will be held for school children. The school groups will be treated to a variety of demonstrations and hands-on activities and will hear speakers discussing what life was like for the people who came to and lived in California during the early days. This daylong program will serve more than 700 students. Reservations for this program can still be made by calling Helen Wayland at 530-346-7040.

Friday evening will be the Colfax Statehood Founder's Day Dinner at the Sierra Vista Community Center in Colfax. The dinner speaker will be Naida West, author of *River of Red Gold*.



The special train to the Sacramento Sesquicentennial Celebration will leave Colfax at 6:25 AM. The train will leave Sacramento at 5:28 PM arriving in Auburn at 6:40 PM and Colfax at 7:15 PM. Tickets for this trip are \$14.00 for adults, \$11.90 for people over 62, and \$7.00 for children (2 – 15). All ticket reservations are being handled by Great Escapes Travel in Colfax (530-346-2511). The deadline for purchasing your tickets is July 20, 2000.



The sesquicentennial celebration will continue in Colfax all day on Saturday and Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Saturday's festivities will be kicked off with a breakfast served from 8:30 – 10:30 AM.

The historic demonstrations, historic reenactments, historic displays, authentic music, dancing and storytelling, llama rides, stagecoach and carriage rides, art presentations, and booths of various kinds will open at 10:00 AM on both Saturday and Sunday.

On Saturday at 12:30 PM there will be a Statehood Parade led by Norm Wilson, who will be portraying California's first governor Peter Burnett.

On Sunday at 12:45 PM there will be the Colfax Founder's Day Parade.

Several speakers and slide presentations are scheduled for the two days. They include: Author, David Bigler, speaking on "*The March of the Mormon Battalion*"; historian, Jay Shuttleworth, with a slide presentation on "*The Pioneer Stevens Trail*"; local railroad buff, Ken Yeo, with a slide presentation on "*Railroads of Placer County*"; author, Naida West, speaking on "*Discovering your history in your own backyard*"; author, Carolyn Wing Greenlee speaking on "*My grandmothers, the Chinese pioneers which came East*"; and graduate student, Wendy Rouse, with a slide presentation on the Virginiatown Chinese cemetery excavation. For information on the exact time of these presentations or on the celebration in general, call Helen Wayland at 530-346-7040.

### **CELEBRATING CALIFORNIA: ADMISSION DAY 2000**

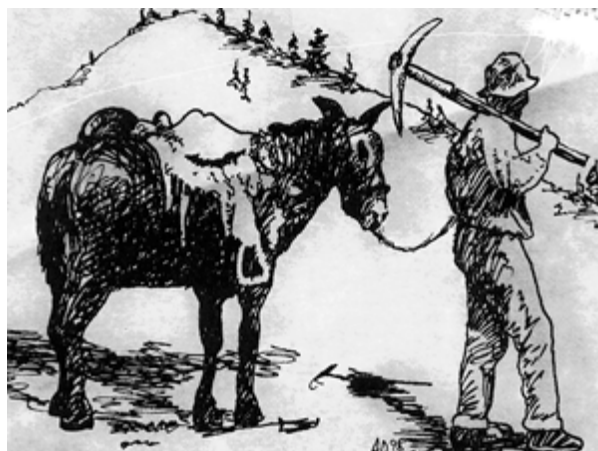
In honor of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Statehood, see history unfold--stroll through the past, present and future of California during three, entertaining, heritage-filled days. *Celebrating California: Admission Day 2000* from September 8-10 will transform Sacramento's Capitol Mall and Capitol Park into distinctive "time portals." During the festival, each city block will portray a theme to reflect California's complex history, from the first Native American peoples, through the Gold Rush and Statehood, to the technological revolutions of Silicon Valley and the future. Visitors will experience hands-on activities, demonstrations, living history, storytelling, exhibits, music, food and more!

Community groups, corporations and public agencies are being invited to share their unique perspectives. Old and new technologies, from horse-drawn vehicles to electric cars, will help to capture the imagination. In addition, an array of presentations and exhibits in Capitol Park will enable visitors to "Envision California's Future" for the next 150 years. The United States Postal Service's beautiful California Statehood stamp will be released and the occasion marked with special First Day of Issue activities. It will be a memorable occasion.

Governor Gray Davis and the State of California, the Native Sons of the Golden West, the United States Postal Service, and communities, organizations, and companies throughout California are working together to make this anniversary event extraordinary. You are cordially invited to attend. This will be a rare moment to reflect upon and to gain new perspectives on the Golden State.

*Admission is free.* Festival hours are: Friday & Saturday from 10 AM – 6 PM, and Sunday from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. The kickoff event will be at Noon on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> on the west side of the State Capitol. Come, make a treasured memory. The 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Statehood only happens once!

For more information see: [www.calad2k.org](http://www.calad2k.org) or call: 1-888-831-8585 or 1-916-444-1850.



### **FORESTHILL GOLD MINERS' GATHERING BY VICKI HASKIN**

This is a third year presentation of an authentic, historic re-creation of Placer County's Gold Rush History with an event in Foresthill. This year, Foresthill will hold its 150th Birthday Celebration at the Forest House. The first Forest House was built in the fall of 1850 as a trading post for miners traveling the area in search of their "golden future".

The celebration will begin with a three-day Wagon Train trip traveling from Robinson Flat along the Placer County Historic Emigrant Trail to Foresthill for the 150th Gala Birthday Celebration. The FREE 2 day Gold Miners Gathering Event will be based at the Memorial Park & Museum and will host the 2nd Annual Placer County Gold Panning Championships.

The event features hands-on educational activities for both children and adults with gold panning, tinsmithing, clothes washing, card games and children's games from the 1800's. Visitors will walk the streets of an olden time town site tasting the vittles cooked at campsite or have the opportunity to enjoy craft booths (theme and modern day) or food from the many offerings in the food court.

A variety of entertainment from live music to hold-ups on a free stagecoach ride are ongoing throughout the day while historic characters walk the streets of Foresthill re-telling the quest for new found wealth to anyone willing to stop and listen.

Annual event favorites are the American Legion Pig Roast, the Potato Soup Cook-Off and the Tall Tales Contest.

This Event is sponsored by the Foresthill Chamber of Commerce, the Foresthill Community and funded in part by a grant from the Placer County Visitors Council. For Event, Booth or Ticket Info VISIT our web page at <http://mmoffet@newworld.net> or CALL 530-367-2474 or WRITE Foresthill Sesquicentennial Committee, PO Box 1353, Foresthill, CA 95631.

### **PLACER COUNTY VISITORS COUNCIL OFFERS GRANTS**

Local non-profit organizations are invited to apply for funding in the second round of Tourism Promotion Mini-Grants offered by the Placer County Visitors Council. The grants are designed to encourage development of special events and projects that encourage tourism to the area.

Earlier recipients of \$3,000.00 grants were the Foresthill Divide Chamber of Commerce Sesquicentennial Committee for the Forest Hill Gold Miner's Gathering and Foresthill's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration; the Colfax Area Historical Society for their Founders' Day Sesquicentennial Celebration; the Lincoln Arts and Culture Foundation for Feats of Clay; and the Loomis Basin Chamber of Commerce for their proposal to promote the Loomis Eggplant Festival at the California State Fair. The Lincoln Area Chamber of Commerce received a grant of \$2,500.00 for bringing a certified Farmers Market to the Lincoln area.

The Tourism Promotion Mini-Grant Program makes available grants ranging from \$500 - \$3,000 to Placer County non-profit organizations for qualified projects that develop or promote agricultural, arts and cultural, historical, recreational or hospitality interests on the west slope of Placer County or countywide.

The Visitors Council will award grants on the basis of merit, how well a project meets the major criteria of increasing the number of visitors to a community, and an organization's ability to plan and implement the event. To be considered for funding, an organization must complete and submit an application by August 10, 2000.

A workshop to explain the guidelines, answer questions, and assist applicants in completing the application process is scheduled for July 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM at the Sierra Economic Development Office, 560 Wall Street in Auburn. For more information about the Tourism

Promotion Mini-Grant Program or the workshop, call the Visitors Council office at 530-887-2111.

### **MAIDU INTERPRETIVE CENTER WELCOMES NEW DOCENTS**

The Maidu Interpretive Center announced the graduation of their Spring Docent Class. They are pleased to welcome Al Banducci, Richard Doyle and Glenadine Strome to their education team.

These new Docents will join the existing Docent Team in delivering tours for schools and community groups at the Nisenan Maidu Historic Site.

For more information about the interpretive center's programs, please call 916-774-5242.

### **THE NEWS FROM ROCKLIN**

Both the Pulte Homes developers and the City of Rocklin have offered matching fund challenges to help raise funds for the new Rocklin Museum.

The Rocklin Historical Society is selling reproductions of the Placer County Citrus Colony maps to raise funds for the museum. The colored maps suitable for framing are \$20.00 each. Call society President Jim Carlson at 916-624-0682 for more information.

### **PLACER COUNTY MUSEUM GIFT SHOP BY DONNA HOWELL**

New books in stock include *The Diary of a Forty-Niner*, edited by Chauncy Canfield. The book relates the experiences of Alfred Jackson who worked on Rock Creek in Nevada County. It covers the period between May 1850 and June 1852. A success story, he sent money home to buy a farm and bought lots in San Francisco, although he didn't think the town would ever reach North Beach or the Mission. In the February 10, 1852 entry, Rattlesnake Dick was run out of town last week.

There is also a new book of reprints of fruit labels that includes some local brands. These are full color, one sided and suitable for framing.

Our photo collection has expanded with more scenes of Colfax, Roseville, Rocklin and Loomis. Coming soon are photos of Nyack, Emigrant Gap and Soda Springs.

We now stock a line of candles, some shaped as pine cones, acorns, logs, bears and apples. More will be added for Christmas.

The Gift Shop celebrated its fifth anniversary on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Placer County Department of Museums' contracted percentage of the sales for the five years has been over \$13,500.00.